

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**1. (Currently Amended)** Method for the production of geotextiles of melt-spun filaments through hydrodynamic intertwining, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the melt-spun filaments are deposited onto a continuous screen band, are transported on this screen band through the first curing stage, wherein the filaments additionally during the entire process are fixed through suction zones on the screen band and in this manner are already sufficiently cured in the first curing stage, such that the transport free of disturbance without a transport band is possible.

**2. (Currently Amended)** Method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the screen band is guided through all curing stages.

**3. (Currently Amended)** Method as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 or 2~~, ~~characterized in that in~~ claim 1 wherein the suction zones an underpressure of 1 to 100 mbar is applied.

**4. (Currently Amended)** Method as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein the mesh size of the screen band is  $1\text{-}8\text{ cm}^{-1}$  if the curing takes place through the screen band.

**5. (Currently Amended)** Method as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein the mesh width of the screen band is  $10\text{-}100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  if the screen band serves as a support.

**6. (Currently Amended)** Apparatus for the production of geotextiles of melt-spun filaments, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein beneath the deposition apparatus is guided a screen band, to which suction zones are applied and the screen band is guided up to the first curing device.

**7. (Currently Amended)** Geotextiles produced according to a method as claimed in ~~claims 1-~~ 4 claim 1.